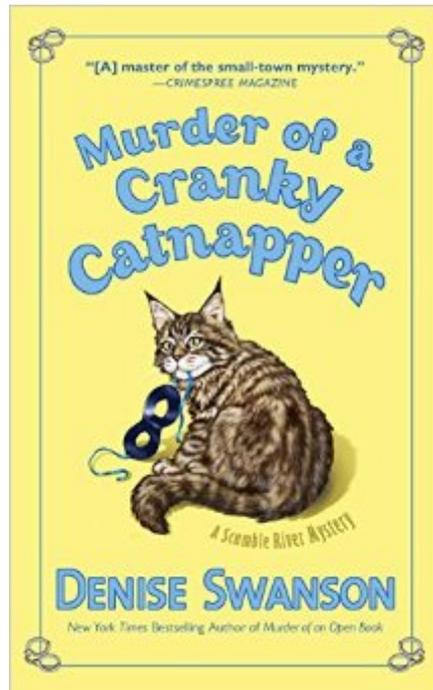


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# Murder Of A Cranky Catnapper (Scumble River Mystery)



## Synopsis

In the latest from the New York Times bestselling author of *Murder of an Open Book*, a school psychologist has her hands full after a school board sourpuss meets a bitter end... With her morning sickness finally abated, Skye Denison-Boyd is ready to pounce on the pertinent problems she faces as Scumble River Elementary School's psychologist. After trying almost every trick in the book to aid a handful of socially awkward fourth grade boys, Skye opts for the innovative approach of pet therapy with the assistance of the local vet, a Siberian husky, and a Maine coon cat. Unfortunately, the first session only breeds disaster and draws the ire of cantankerous school board member Palmer Lynch. But Skye's worry over the episode changes to dread after Lynch is found dead in his home with the therapy cat hidden in his garage. With a clowder of questions unleashed, Skye finds herself dealing with a killer who isn't pussyfooting around |

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## Customer Reviews

Skye Dennison-Boyd is trying to get ready for the impending birth of her baby by organizing her office for the social work intern who will fill in during her absence, while still trying to do her regular job of counseling students with challenges, filling in as the Scumble River Police Department psychological consultant, and warding off an attack on her police chief husband by a hot, thin, sexy crime victim. While trying an experimental therapy with her fourth-grade counseling group, she runs afoul of a school board member who later winds up dead. Skye has an alibi for the time of death, but many other people don't, including her uncle, who is running for a seat on the board against

the dead guy. Skye has to set things right before her world is swallowed by motherhood. The school situations and office politics ring true, the villain was especially villainous, and the host of suspects kept me guessing as to who the guilty party was. I like that Skye is a very relatable character dealing with real world concerns – weight and body image issues, shaky self-esteem, an overbearing mother, thankless bosses, parents in denial about their special snowflakes, you name it. I like that she is representative of the average American woman, but I do wish there weren't quite so many references to her fluffiness. And as to that overbearing mother, I'm very happy to see Skye finally growing a backbone and pushing back. I would have cut that woman off at the knees about seven books ago. I was a little worried at the end of the last book when Skye got pregnant because that can be a death knell for my interest in a series; sometimes characters turn from intriguing people to –œparents– and I lose interest.

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